

**From:** Rodman, Anthony  
**To:** [Bowman, Randal](#)  
**Cc:** [Appel, Elizabeth](#); [Sarah Walters](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2017 1:23:38 PM

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I agree, Liz. Thanks.

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 12:44 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thank you. I'll wait a while to see if I hear more, then get the reply started.

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 12:36 PM, Appel, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.appel@bia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Randy-

I agree with your suggested approach to accept comments from friends or relatives passing on what the Tribal elders want us to know in those cases where the Tribal elders are unable to speak/write English.

Just a note, Tribal elders' comments should be submitted through the general comment inbox, rather than the Tribal consultation inbox if the Tribal elder is not the federally recognized leader of the Tribal government.

Morgan and Sarah, please feel free to add if I missed anything.

Thanks!  
Liz

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 10:39 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Below is a message received by one of the political appointees not working on the monument review, regarding comments from Tribal elders. While I don't know if this is a legitimate inquiry or not, it raises a good point that we should respond to. My suggested approach is in bold. What do you think?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bowman, Randal** <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)>  
Date: Sat, May 13, 2017 at 3:30 PM  
Subject: Re: Questions  
To: Downey Magallanes <[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)>

not yet - correspondence that needs a response is one of the things I wanted to talk to you about.

Alternatively, I could draft a response for Roddy to send (I don't want my working email address in circulation or it will get overwhelmed with comments) to say that **of course we would accept comments from friends or relatives passing on what the elders' want us to know.**

On Sat, May 13, 2017 at 2:50 PM, Downey Magallanes <[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

Did we set up a generic email to respond to emails? This needs a response.

Downey

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Russell Roddy <[russell\\_roddy@ios.doi.gov](mailto:russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** May 13, 2017 at 12:36:56 PM MDT  
**To:** [caroline\\_boulton@ios.doi.gov](mailto:caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov), [downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov), [scott\\_hommel@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov), Laura Rigas <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)>, Heather Swift <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject: Fwd: Questions**

Mr. "Toddy" is forwarding this message...not sure who wants to reach out.

Sincerely, Rusty Toddy

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jami Bayles [REDACTED]  
**Date:** May 13, 2017 at 12:32:17 PM MDT  
**To:** <[Russell\\_roddy@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov)>, <[Caroline\\_boulton@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject: Questions**

Good afternoon Mr. Toddy and Ms. Boulton,  
I hope you don't mind me contacting you, but I have a question regarding the public comment process on the Bears Ears National Monument debate. Some of the people that are most directly affected by this monument are the Navajo & Ute Elders that live in San Juan

County, Utah, and they have a lot to say. However, many do not speak English, let alone type or write it. How could we go about including their concerns in the public comments? Could we have people (like relatives that are bilingual) speak to them and then "translate" that info & submit it online, perhaps with disclaimer that it was translated and submitted on behalf of the Elder? I feel like they have some of the most logical arguments that need to be heard by the Department of Interior, but worry that they will be excluded in this process. Any advice you can give is most appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Best,  
Jami Bayles  
Blanding, Utah

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